

KATLEGO CULTURAL FACILITY

The West Rand District Municipality (WRDM) is a cross-border municipality that was established as a result of the demarcation process, comprising four local municipalities namely, Merafong City, Mogale City, Randfontein, Westonaria and the District Management Area (DMA).

The WRDM provides municipal functions to, and is therefore the local authority for, the DMA, which incorporates the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site. It is within this unique World Heritage Site that the Katlego Cultural Facility Public Private Partnership Project will be based, at the Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve (R&LNR), whose owners have donated land ranging between three and five hectares to the WRDM for the purposes of this project, the exact size to be determined by the extent of the facility to be developed.

Once completed the project will have the following facilities:

- **Craft Production & Exhibition Centre**
- **Agro-Production** (as one of the operational facets of the facility, in order to develop the supply side of the restaurant)
- **Well managed & resourced Agro-Processing Centre** (another operational area of the facility)
- **African Cuisine Restaurant**
- **Conference Centre** to accommodate approximately 100 delegates
- **Ablution & parking facilities**

The beneficiaries of this project are the historically disadvantaged communities in the immediate vicinity of the project area i.e. women, youth (male), men and children. It is

envisaged that the project will stimulate and improve the beneficiary communities' capacity to provide for the envisaged tourist market by, for example, enhancing their skills in crafts, market gardening, etc. and therefore assist in poverty alleviation in the area.

The WRDM will have in its jurisdiction:

- A physical asset to be added to its list of tourist attractions;
- A cadre of trained construction contractors whom they can employ from time to time on their projects;
- Community members who are aware of, and sensitised about, the importance of developing their indigenous resources to attract tourists for their socio-economic benefit and that of the municipality, which structure will also be a direct beneficiary of the project.

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